Wasteland Development Board

1146. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total allocation to Arunachal Pradesh by the Wasteland Development Board for 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

(b) what is the total number of trees which were planned during the year 1990-91 through the Board and what is the percentage of trees that have survived?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Afforestation and tree planting activities are carried out by the States on the basis of funds allocated in the Central and State Plans from year to year. The total allocations for Arunachal Pradesh during 1990-91 and 1991-92, including the funds provided by the National Wasteland Development Board, are as given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

1990-91	518·13
1991-92	624·64

(b) The achievement of the afforestation and tree planting activities in Arunachal Pradesh under the 20-Point Programme during 1990-91 was as follows:

-Seedlings distribution (for planting on private lands)	1·79 lakhs
—Area coverage (for public lands,including forest lands)	5516·00 hectares

The survival rate of trees planted is generally assessed after one year.

जंगली पशुओं के चोरी छिपे शिकार किए जाने की घटनाएं

1147. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

कुमारी आलिया

क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में जंगली पशुओं के चोरी-छिपे शिकार किए जाने की घटनाओं में वृद्धि हो रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान ऐसी घटनाओं की वर्ष-वार संख्या कितनी-कितनी हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ऐसे कृत्यों में लिप्त लोगों को दण्डित करने के लिए वन्य-जीव (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1972 में संशोधन करने का विचार रखती है ;

(घ) यदि हाँ, तो क्या सरकार इस संबंध में एक विधेयक पुरःस्थापित करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो कब तक ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही हैं और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

(ग) से (ङ) वन्यजीव (सुरक्षा) संशोधन विधेयक, 1991, संसद के दोनों सदनों द्वारा पहले ही पारित किया जा चुका है और 2 अक्तूबर, 1991 से अधिनियम संख्या 44 के रूप में लागू हो गया है।

Source of water pollution

1148. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that detergents/soaps etc. are an important source of water pollution and if so, what are the details in this regard ;

(b) whether Government are aware that a Japanese scientist has developed an ultrasonic washing machine which fully eliminates the use of detergents/saops for washing of clothes and dishes using very low level of energy;and

(c) whether Government propose to import the technology and also advice its own R&D laboratories accordingly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. The detergents contain phosphatic compounds which promote growth of bacteria and algae thereby causing eutrophication in water bodies.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

National convention of enviornmental Engineers

1149. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whetner the Seventh National Convention of Environmental Engineers